

largest professional oncology group in the United States, exists to promote excellence in oncology nursing and the provision of quality care to those individuals affected by cancer. As part of its mission, the Society honors and maintains nursing's historical commitment to advocacy for the public good.

Catherine Glennon has received numerous awards and recognition for her work on behalf of individuals with cancer including the Oncology Nursing Foundation Nurse Administrator/Manager Career Development Award, participation in the Center for Nursing Leadership, and recognition in Who's Who in American Nursing. She has also authored a number of studies and articles on quality cancer care and the nursing shortage that have appeared in several distinguished publications. In addition, Catherine has given numerous presentations to national audiences on a host of cancer care, health, and nursing shortage issues.

Over the last ten years, the setting where treatment for cancer is provided has changed dramatically. Oncology nurses like Catherine are the front-line providers of cancer care with responsibilities ranging from administering chemotherapy, managing patient therapies and side effects, working with insurance companies to ensure that patients receive the appropriate treatment, and providing counseling to patients and family members. Without an adequate supply of such nurses, we cannot provide quality cancer care to a growing population of people in need.

I was proud to support the passage of the "Nurse Reinvestment Act" in the 107th Congress. This important piece of legislation expanded and implemented programs at HRSA to address the multiple problems contributing to the nationwide nursing shortage, including the decline in nursing student enrollments, shortage of faculty, and dissatisfaction with nurse workplace environments.

I commend Catherine Glennon and the Oncology Nursing Society for all of their hard work to prevent and reduce suffering from cancer and to improve the lives of those 1.3 million Americans who will be diagnosed with cancer this year. I am hopeful that growing numbers of young people will follow in Catherine's footsteps and pursue a career in the rewarding and challenging profession of nursing.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL DEYERLE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a dedicated veteran and loving family man from my district. Paul Deyerle of Pueblo, Colorado died recently at the age of 86. Paul's dedication and commitment to his country have left a legacy of leadership that we would all be wise to emulate. I am proud to stand and recognize his accomplishments here today.

As a member of the Army Air Corps in World War II, Paul fought to protect the freedoms we cherish today. Paul also met his future wife Kay during his stint in the army; the couple would later marry and be blessed with three children. When Paul returned from the

war he settled in Pueblo and was a founding member of the Pueblo West Ecumenical Church. At the church, Paul's humorous, loving spirit was evident, and he would later be recognized for the community service he provided his hometown. Paul was voted Optimist of the Year in 1981, 1986, and 1992.

Mr. Speaker, I am saddened by the loss of such a kind and caring individual. The hard work and dedication that Paul has shown to Pueblo and the United States is truly remarkable. It was Paul's selflessness, reliability and positive spirit that have garnered him respect, and it is for those qualities that he has earned my respect. My thoughts and prayers go out to Paul's family and friends. He will surely be missed.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2765) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Chairman, I want to voice my vigorous opposition to the proposed legislation to implement a school voucher program in the District of Columbia.

We cannot in good conscience ask the cash-strapped schools in the District of Columbia to impose another layer of bureaucracy on its school system when positive changes are now underway to improve the quality of public education for the most needy of students. Already, the District is showing improvement through its 15 transformation schools which were created using the lowest performing schools attended by the city's poorest students, who have made significant gains in their Stanford 9 achievement scores. Also, the District has shown great success through its 42 charter schools which represent the largest number per capita in the nation. Instead of adding an unproven new program, scarce federal resources would be much better spent shoring up these two popular and proven education options. Why can't Members of Congress and local elected officials in the District focus on funding the programs which are working and are supported by most parents? We should not be in the business of funding risky ventures like school vouchers when public schools are being overlooked for funding. Furthermore, we should not authorize funding school vouchers here in our second home when Congress has already opposed vouchers in the rest of the country. The District of Columbia should not be used as a laboratory for an educational experiment that few if any Members would try in their home districts.

By approving the use of school vouchers here in the District, a competition will be set in motion between public and private schools fighting for the same pool of scarce federal education funding. Any new federal funding should be allocated to schools made accountable to the public—charter schools and the

District's public schools. The three-sector approach in the Senate's companion bill would avoid making private schools accountable, and the addition of funding for public schools seems to be an afterthought in order to push the voucher legislation through. This intent is quite apparent through the Senate bill's attempt to authorize private school vouchers for five years while making only a one-time appropriation to public schools.

Given that the Government Accounting Office (GAO) conducted a study which indicated no difference in achievement levels between students attending public schools and those using vouchers to attend private schools, we would be seriously remiss in allowing vouchers to prevail.

If we care about changing the quality of the District's public schools to truly benefit all children, we must continue to support public schools with all available resources.

TRIBUTE TO FRED SIPE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Fred Sipe of La Junta, Colorado. Fred recently retired from Otero Junior College where he taught art, drafting, and computer aided design. As Fred prepares for retirement, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his many years of hard work and dedication to Otero Junior College.

When Fred arrived at Otero Junior College in 1992, he fell in love with the town and the campus. He quickly began work as an art teacher. Through eleven years at the school, Fred has taught almost every art class the college has to offer. However, Fred did not restrict himself to the classroom; he was known to attend almost every extracurricular event he could. He was considered a regular at art shows, concerts, and athletic events, usually accompanied by his wife Joan.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this Congress and this nation to recognize the accomplishments of Fred Sipe. His hard work and dedication provided students with the ability to learn about art in new, creative ways. Teaching our nation's youth is truly a noble calling, and Fred's 11 years of service are truly a remarkable accomplishment. Thank you, Fred, for the service you have provided our community. I wish you all the best in your retirement.

RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE, NOT CONGRESSIONAL PAY

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my opposition to the pay increase that Members of Congress voted to grant themselves during the debate on the Treasury and Transportation spending bill.

Every year, Congress votes on this pay raise, and every year that I have been a Member of this body, I have stood against it. It's simply not right for us to give ourselves more money when there are so many people waiting for an increase in the minimum wage.

Many of my colleagues feel the same way about the Congressional pay raise, but unfortunately the House leadership did not allow us to vote for this specific item, because it was included within a broader spending bill. Voting against this bill would mean voting against billions of dollars for our roads and other worthwhile projects. Rather, we were forced to voice our opposition in the form of a procedural vote, and I did so.

There are thousands of people in my district who hold minimum wage positions, people I was elected to serve. I would only be serving myself if I voted to raise my salary, and that is not why I'm here.

I will continue to vote against congressional pay raises until the minimum wage is increased for working families.

TRIBUTE TO IRENE MARTINEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to recognize the thirty years of service that Irene Martinez has dedicated to the children of the Manzanola School District. Irene is retiring after having served as both a cook and teacher's aide since 1973. As we mark her retirement, I would like to commend Irene for the devotion that she has shown to her students over the years.

Irene began her career with the Manzanola School District as a teacher's aide, though quickly switched careers and became a cook. She loved her job and says she will truly miss the students. Irene has seen three generations pass through her schools, having served the grandparents of some of today's students. Irene is looking forward to her retirement, with plans to do some gardening and spend time with her family.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the contributions Irene Martinez has made to the health and well being of Colorado's children. Irene will certainly be missed by the children under her care and by her co-workers who have come to know and admire her remarkable dedication. Irene, I wish you all the best in your retirement. Thank you for your many years of exemplary service.

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF JOSEPH CAMARA, HUSBAND, FATHER, POLICE OFFICER AND PATRIOT

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 1, a good and courageous man gave his life for his country. Joseph M. Camara was tragically killed while serving his nation in Iraq, as a member of the

Rhode Island National Guard. In civilian life, as in military life, Sergeant Camara was a man dedicated to protecting his fellow citizens. He was a highly respected and deeply admired police officer in the City of New Bedford. Mr. Camara leaves behind his wife and three children, and they are joined in their grieving at the loss of this patriot by hundreds of thousands of their fellow citizens in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Of course nothing we can say will alleviate the pain that Mr. Camara's family feels at this untimely death, but we can at least demonstrate to them how deeply we sympathize with them and it is important for us to recognize here in the United States House of Representatives the terrible sacrifice Mr. Camara made in the service of his country.

Mr. Speaker, the citizens of New Bedford, where Mr. Camara lived, raised his family, and served with great distinction as a police officer are especially devastated by his death. The people of the city have with one voice expressed their most profound condolences to the Camara family. And the depth of that feeling has been well conveyed by a series of articles in the New Bedford Standard Times about this terrible incident.

Mr. Speaker, to commemorate Joseph Camara, to recognize appropriately in the United States Congress the enormous debt that we owe his wife and children, and to pay tribute to the people of New Bedford, who have been so steadfast in their support of the Camara family, I ask that the articles from the New Bedford Standard Times about the death of Joseph Camara in the service of his country be printed here.

[From the New Bedford Standard Times, Sept. 3, 2003]

NEW BEDFORD POLICE OFFICER KILLED IN IRAQ (By Steve Urban)

CRANSTON, R.I.—A New Bedford police officer became the first SouthCoast resident killed in action in the Iraq war when a home-made land mine exploded on a highway near Baghdad on Monday, killing two National Guardsmen.

Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Camara, 40, married and the father of three, was on patrol with two other guardsmen from Rhode Island's 115th Military Police Company when the device exploded beneath their Humvee and ignited the fuel and ammunition aboard, Lt. Col. Michael McNamara of the Rhode Island National Guard said yesterday at a press conference in Cranston announcing the deaths.

He said Sgt. Camara, a patrolman in the New Bedford Police Department when not on National Guard duty, was killed instantly as was Sgt. Charles Caldwell, 38, of North Providence, who was married with no children. Sgt. Caldwell was driving the vehicle in a convoy in the late morning on a road north of Baghdad, and Sgt. Camara was riding in the passenger seat as vehicle commander.

Spc. Edmund Aponte, 35, of Providence, who was manning the vehicle's machine gun at the time, suffered burns and shrapnel wounds and is hospitalized but expected to make a complete recovery, Lt. Col. McNamara said. Spc. Aponte is married and has three children.

National Guard officials gave details at a noon press conference at their Cranston headquarters, which followed a meeting with many of the families of the men and women in Iraq with the 115th M.P. Company. The company is in Iraq as part of the 220th Military Police Brigade, supporting combat troops performing such missions as house-to-house weapons searches and road patrols.

Flags were lowered to half-staff across southern New England as the news spread of the first casualties in the National Guard unit in 58 years. Its members come from across southeastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and southeastern Connecticut. In all, 600 members of the Rhode Island National Guard are serving in hot spots overseas—360 of them in Iraq.

Rhode Island's adjutant general and National Guard commanding general Maj. Gen. Reginald Centracchio and Rhode Island Gov. Donald Carcieri were grim-faced as they announced the news.

"All of our hearts are broken over this," Gov. Carcieri said. "Our worst fears have been realized."

Having met with the families anxious for the safety of their relatives in Iraq, Gov. Carcieri said that often "we do not appreciate the sacrifice that these men and women are undergoing."

"This is a terrible reminder that they are in harm's way," he said.

Gen. Centracchio alluded to the changed nature of the conflict and suggested that as well-prepared, trained and led as the troops are, the United States is not fully prepared for the guerrilla war that has evolved in Iraq.

"We're fighting an unconventional war," he said. "We have to devise a way of dealing with a culture that is alien to our set of values."

"Now we're dealing with the unknown," he said. "They'll shake your hand in a friendly way during the day, and at night the same individual is willing to give his life to satisfy his thoughts."

"We have to adapt to the kind of warfare we're dealing with," Gen. Centracchio said.

He said that would involve more training and more access to armored vehicles that could withstand a land mine of the kind his men encountered this week. He remarked that the makeup of the fighting forces has changed in recent years, with reserves constituting more of the primary fighting units.

National Guard units, he said, "are the Army. They are the Air Force."

Lt. Col. McNamara said the "improvised explosive device" that detonated beneath the vehicle could have been remotely controlled by wire or transmitter. The Humvee, which was configured in a "turtle" fashion for use by the military police, was entirely vulnerable to such a threat. It carried its own fuel as well as machine gun and 9 mm pistol ammunition, and was on a routine patrol to keep supply lines open.

The 115th left Rhode Island Feb. 12 for Fort Drum, N.Y., and more training. The 360 men and women arrived in Kuwait April 2 and entered Iraq in early May.

[From the Standard-Times, Sept. 4, 2003]

LOSING GUARDSMAN JOSEPH M. CAMARA

The troubling war in Iraq and even more disturbing after-war struck us on the home front this week when an exploding land mine outside Baghdad robbed this world of National Guard Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Camara.

The 40-year-old New Bedford police officer was a bulwark of the South End neighborhood where he lived with his wife, two daughters and son.

He was the essence of a community police officer so desperately needed in this city of rising violence.

Not only did he do his job with distinction during his regular shifts as a city patrol officer, but he gave his family and neighbors on McGurk Street in the South End a profound sense of security.

His solid presence allowed them to sleep easier and take greater pride in their working-class neighborhood of old three-story homes.